

## FACT SHEET

1. **SUBJECT:** Family Readiness Group (FRG) Fundraising

2. **PURPOSE:** To provide information and guidance on fundraising activities by FRGs.

3. **FACTS BEARING ON THE SUBJECT:** The primary purpose of FRGs is to assist the command and aid mission readiness by providing mutual support and assistance, and a network of communications among family members, the chain of command, and community resources. In order to build cohesion among FRG members, which includes all Soldiers in the unit and their family members, FRGs often conduct social type functions. FRGs frequently seek to conduct fundraising activities in order to pay for such social functions since appropriated funds may not be used for such functions and MWR Commercial Sponsorship is not available for FRG social functions. While limited fundraising in support of social activities is permissible, an FRG's primary focus should not be on conducting fundraising events and accumulating funds. FRGs are not established to raise funds, solicit donations, or manage large sums of money.

a. Commanders may authorize FRGs to establish an informal fund IAW AR 600-20. The annual gross income of FRGs may not exceed \$10,000. With unit commander approval, an FRG may engage in limited on-post fundraising activities. Unit commanders should only approve FRG fundraising events which are directed at raising funds for a specific, planned upcoming event; not simply for the purpose of building up the FRG's bank account. In addition, FRGs may not be authorized to conduct raffles as a type of fundraiser because raffles violate Alaska law except in limited circumstances which do not apply to FRGs.

b. In addition to unit commander approval, if an on-post fundraising activity involves fundraising from other than an FRG's own members, JBER or FWA Garrison Commander approval is also needed. Further, FRGs may not engage in the regular, ongoing sale of food, clothing or other products without first obtaining an AAFES non-objection.

c. FRG's may not engage in off-post fundraising and may not solicit gifts and donations. If a truly unsolicited (directly or indirectly) donation offer of \$1000 or less is made to an FRG, the unit commander may accept such a donation after obtaining a written legal review finding the donation is not legally objectionable.

d. FRG fundraising activities are not considered official FRG activities. Accordingly, government computers, copiers, distribution system, and mail, may not be used by an FRG in support of such activities.

4. **ACTION REQUIRED:** Commanders and FRG leaders must ensure that FRG fundraising activities do not go beyond the scope of what is permissible. Commanders with questions regarding these issues may contact the Office of the Staff Judge Advocate, Administrative Law Division.